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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OVERVIEW COMMITTEE)

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1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE GENERALLY ENDORSE REFTEL APPROACH TO OVERVIEW COMMITTEE OPERATION, BUT THEY HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED IDEAS SET FORTH PARA 8 REFTEL WITH RESPONSIBLE MOFA OFFICERS, WHO HAD JUST RECEIVED SIMILAR MATERIAL FROM THEIR UN MISSION. THEY EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH APPROACH IMPLICIT IN PARA 8, BUT HAD FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

3. RE PARA 8A THEY NOTED THAT UNLESS "INTERVENING PERIOD" SHOULD BE REASONABLY LONG, THERE WOULD NOT BE MUCH POINT IN ASSESSING PROGRESS MADE DURING IT.

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4. THEY WARNED THAT EMPHASIS ON "PROGRESS" IN 8A MIGHT STRENGTHEN PRESSURES (WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS EVIDENT IN MAY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING) TO MOVE COMMITTEE TOWARD FUNCTION OF NEGOTIATING FORUM. IT IS IMPORTANT, MOFA OFFICIALS INSISTED, TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN BROAD UNDERSTANDING AMONG DELS ABOUT COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES; UNOFFICIAL

BILATERAL CONTACTS FOR THIS PURPOSE BETWEEN DC AND LDC
UN DELS ARE NEEDED IN ADDITION TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS, THEY
SAID.

5. THEY EXPRESSED FEAR THAT "SPECIALIZED UN BODIES" (8B)
MIGHT BE INTERPRETED TO INCLUDE IMF AND IBRD: IF THIS
OCCURRED, UNDUE PROMINENCE MIGHT BE GIVEN TO UNDESIRABLE
DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL QUESTIONS
IN CONNECTION WITH RESOURCE TRANSFER PROPOSALS.

6. REQUIREMENT FOR "FINAL AGREED REPORT" MENTIONED PARA
8D, THEY SAID, MIGHT AGAIN INVITE PRESSURE FOR CONCESSIONS
DURING MEETING. IT WOULD BE BETTER, JAPANESE OPINED, TO
LEAVE SUMMING UP TO CHAIRMAN.

7. IN MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK THERE WAS A SUGGES-
TION THAT FOOD AND AGRICULTURE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE
SUBJECTS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION THAN INDUSTRY. WITH
THIS THE JAPANESE EXPRESSED HEARTY AGREEMENT. MANSFIELD

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